QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY.

(but not taken up)

Thotis and Talaris.

Q.—498. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Chintamani—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether the present Thotis and Talaris would be treated as regular Government servants by giving them monthly salary and by prohibiting objectionable customs like being compelled to skin dead animals ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

Thotis and Talaris are Government servants while discharging their duties prescribed under the Village Officers Act and Rules thereunder. It is not possible to give them monthly salaries. The question relating to objectionable customs is vague.

His Highness's reply to the Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Under sub-rule 7 of rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, I report to the Assembly the reply received from His Highness the Rajpramukh to the Motion of Thanks for his Address. It runs as follows :

"To

The Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I have received with great satisfaction the expression of your thanks for the speech with which I opened the Budget Session, 1955 of both Houses of the Legislature."

Business of the House.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, regarding the revised programme, I want to seek some clarification. We thank the Chair for allotting four days for the discussion on the Facts Finding Committee's Report and also extending the holiday by another day.

I find from the revised programme that no provision has been made for the consideration of Bills. Only today and tomorrow are allotted for Bills. Then the entire session is taken up for the consideration of the Budget and other matters. Are we to understand that all those Bills that have been presented to this House will lapse ? We have a number of Bills including the District Board Bill. We would like to know the programme whether the Government is going to extend the session or withdraw these Bills. Secondly we have two or three important reports—for example the report of the Race Course Committee. It has to come up for discussion. And then perhaps, very soon, the report on the working of the Public Service Commission will be presented. Then the Government will have to present the report of the Audit and Appropriation Accounts of 1951-52.

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I would like to know the procedure regarding these Appropriation and Audit Accounts. Generally, the Government present them after the Report is considered by the Public Accounts Committee. But now before it is considered, the Government have thought fit to present these Reports before the Legislature and it is a new procedure. I would like to know whether the Government expect us to consider these Reports now alone before they are considered by the Public Accounts Committee or have we to wait till the Reports are considered by the Public Accounts Committee. If they are to be considered by the Public Accounts Committee, what induced the Government to present those Reports now ? I would like to have clarifications on these matters. As it is, we have a number of Bills to be considered. I want to have an indication of the programme as some of us are anxious to adjust our programme and we would like to know how long we are expected to stay here.